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Assault at Bloomington Gas Station

On Sunday, December 7 at 9:04 p.m., Bloomington Police responded to a stabbing at the BP station located at 7801 Portland Avenue. They found an employee inside with a stab wound to the upper torso. The employee, a 22 year-old male, provided suspect information to police as he was transported to a local hospital, where he remains in stable condition. The stabbing occurred as the result of an argument with a customer. Robbery was not a motive.

Bloomington Police reached out to the news media and public to identify this suspect through surveillance photos. Early this morning, Bloomington Police received a tip from a citizen who had seen the photos on a news story and recognized the suspect from someone he saw at an Eden Prairie gas station the previous day. Bloomington Police Detectives found the suspect in Eden Prairie and placed him under arrest today at 9:45 a.m. The suspect is 41 year-old Bloomington resident Pharoh Atteff Merritt.

This matter remains under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, and will be forwarded to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for consideration of charges for 2nd Degree Assault against Merritt.

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